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The Carp case (The Guardian Caper)

- The MUFON Ontario Version -

This case has had much coverage in the media. Tabloid television shows like 'Unsolved Mysteries', 'Sightings' and 'Encounters' have given it much air-time, as have cable-TV stations all over North America.

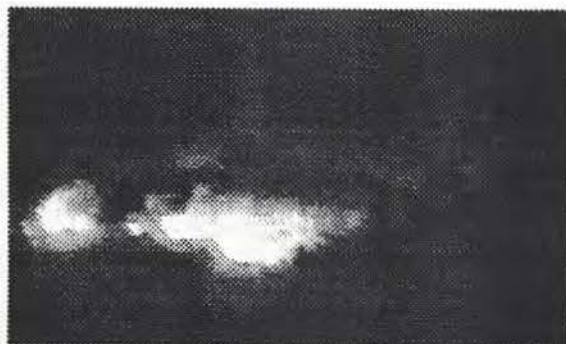
Internationally, magazines newspapers and news-letters have devoted hundreds of pages to it and UFO conferences around the planet have intrigued many thousands of attendees with it's seemingly startling details.

'Carp' has achieved 'One Of The Most Significant Cases In UFO History' status. You've probably heard, seen and read about it yourself.

In this and succeeding issues we'll deal with the FACTS of the case. We'll describe the events, as told by the media and as we've experienced them - and we'll try not appear too judgmental.

Beginnings - 1989

Tom Theofanous, working with The Canadian UFO Research Network (CUFORN), received a package from someone calling themselves 'Guardian'. It had no return address.



CARP ONTARIO - DIGITIZED PHOTO

"The package contained a story about a UFO crash that supposedly happened close to Carlton Place, which is about a half-hour drive from Ottawa", Tom said. "There was also a photocopied picture of an Alien."

"For the most part, we thought it was a joke. But, CUFORN director Harry Tokarz decided to call Arthur Bray, a well-respected UFO author and researcher who lives in Ottawa, and ask him if he had someone in the Carlton area who could check out the story for us. As luck would have it, Arthur knew a fellow who was fascinated by the field of ufology, Graham Lightfoot."

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EDITORIAL NOTE

By Victor Lourenco

MUFON's Provincial Director for Ontario

Over the last period of eighteen months our membership increased substantially. This first issue of MUFON ONTARIO Newsletter appears within the Canadian UFO literature as natural result of that process.

One of its goals is to inform MUFON members resident in Ontario about the particularity of events and occurrences in the Province, primarily.

The rule to provide impartial accurate information is to use scientific methodology, objectivity, consistency, determination and ethics.

At the same time it will provide the necessary flexibility to echo individual ideas connoted with the UFO phenomena.

The MUFON Ontario version of the Carp case needed to be public domain. It does not carry a personal attack on the character that came from "OuterCanada" but on his ideas and intentions.

Despite all the facts..., it is sad to observe renamed personalities and groups in the UFO circle replacing ethics with sensationalism and financial appetite.

Enjoy your reading.



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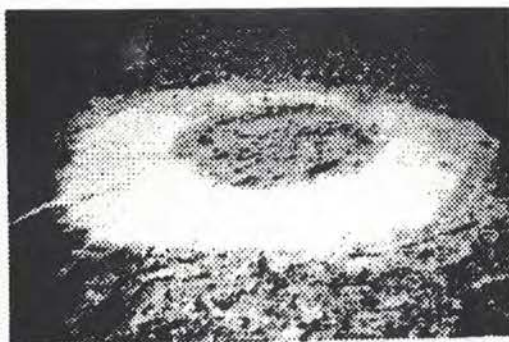
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Graham, with what was to become typical thoroughness, used the somewhat sketchy coordinates he got from Arthur Bray to not only pinpoint the 'UFO crash-site' near Manion Corners, but also locate a number of witnesses.

One of those witnesses, Diane Labanek, claimed that on the night of November 4th 1989, she saw an intense, bright light pass overhead, heading towards a swamp at the far end of the field behind and south of her home. She said she also saw several helicopters earlier that evening using bright lights to scan the area.

Another West Carlton resident recalled that that was the weekend when some cattle escaped from a nearby pasture and that it took till late Sunday to round them up.

A couple told Graham about the wife being scared by a very bright light shone through their south-facing bathroom window. "It reached right down our hallway!". The wife also mentioned that she vaguely remembered hearing the sound of helicopters at the time.

Others talked of "dogs and cattle being disturbed".

Many people could think of absolutely nothing unusual happening during the course of the weekend, including a couple who had a telescope set-up.

Graham reported those findings to Arthur Bray, along with results of his examination of the field and swamp behind Labanek's home - there were no signs on the ground, anywhere, of the heavy equipment that would be needed to recover a 'crashed craft'.

His report closed with, "although I could find nothing conclusive to support or disprove any of the witnesses claims. I shall check back around the area later this summer."

The same Guardian material had been sent to several other investigators, researchers and UFO groups and as the story spread, both the former Provincial Director of MUFON Ontario Clive Nadin, and the current Quebec Director Christian Page, visited the area on separate occasions, and spoke to the 'witnesses'. They confirmed Graham

Lightfoot's initial findings and agreed with Tom & Harry at CUFORN that someone was "trying to put us on -a hoax!"

Guardian re-surfaces - 1991

In the middle of October 1991 CUFORN began receiving more Guardian 'information' via the mail and all postmarked 'Ottawa'.

An envelope with some documents that mention a 'conspiracy' between the Chinese and 'Gray Aliens that are planning to take over the world', arrived first. Then came a Polaroid photograph of a 'UFO' flying across an unidentified road. A while later came a black & white picture of a gray-type 'Alien'.

The fourth delivery in the series was a package. It contained the now infamous VHS video tape with a green label on the cassette, with a thumb print and the word GUARDIAN printed on the label.

There were also three playing cards in the package, all with hand written notes on them - an Ace, King and Joker.

A photo-copied map showed the 'Gray's landing area', along with notes explaining that the flares in the video were used to help the UFO, which can out maneuver anything on the planet, fly under the radar and know where to land!

There were also 'Canadian Department of National Defense documents' enclosed - which, upon later investigation, proved to be forgeries.

These 'documents', it is thought, were designed to look like the official documents on UFOs that Canadian UFO author/researcher Stanton Friedman acquired, via 'The Freedom of Information Act', from the United States Government.

The video - a few minutes long - showed two different angles of what Guardian alleges was an 'alien craft', on the ground.

First, a long shot of bright lights clumped together to the right of the scene and what looked like four red emergency road flares or fires in barrels on the left side of the screen.

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The second scene showed the same clump of bright lights from approximately the same distance but more to the center without any flares and the sound of a single dog barking in the distance.

The third scene was only three frames long and was a close-up of a pair of wipers half-way across a very Earth-bound vehicle!

CUFORN pondered what to do with all the Guardian information that arrived in October of '91 and decided, that in view of the season - winter, that they would hold off visiting Carlton until after the spring run-off.

Enter Oeschler

At the beginning of March '92, Bob Oeschler (pronounced Bob Ex-ler) an American MUFON investigator - who describes himself a 'former NASA mission specialist' - called CUFORN from his home in Maryland.

Apparently, he too had received a video and documents from Guardian, although when comparisons of the two videos were discussed, his had an additional scene - a somewhat closer one minute shot of the 'alien craft'.

His version also had a couple of minutes worth of the windshield, plus several still shots of the 'Gray Aliens'.

The most important difference, however, was that his version of the tape had no audio-track at all - "it seems it was intentionally removed", says Tom Theofanous.

Oeschler had shown the tape to Bruce Macabbe and they agreed that what they saw was a UFO and should be investigated further - and that's why Oeschler called Tom at CUFORN. They agreed they would meet in Carlton, Ontario on May 10th 1992.

Tom then called and spoke with Graham Lightfoot, for the first time, and Graham agreed to act as guide for the May meeting.

It transpired that Graham worked for The O.F.A - The Ontario Federation of Agriculture - and knew the Carlton area and its farmers well.

The First Visit

On May 10th, Mother's Day, 1992, Torontonians, Tom & Lise Theofanous, Victor Lourenco, Vaughn Killin, Drew Williamson, Harry Tokarz and Wayne St. John met with Oeschler, his son and Graham Lightfoot at the motel the Oeschlers were staying at in West Carlton, near Ottawa, Ontario.

They all had breakfast together as Oeschler told many, many fascinating stories. Eventually they ended up in Oeschler's motel room to compare their copies of the Guardian video.

"Oeschler, despite being an expert in video analysis, had a great deal of difficulty connecting my video camera up to the TV set in his room so that we could play back the Guardian videos. In retrospect, his combination of technical ineptness and more story telling seemed to be a stalling tactic", said Tom.

Eventually, the group set off in a convoy of vehicles to examine the area depicted in Guardian's map.

They stopped at a spot off Highway 7 near Manion Corners and Graham pointed out the direction from which the 1989 'UFO' had come when it 'crashed', and where the Labenek's house was in relation to where the group was standing.

Oeschler seemed to be stalling once more, shooting video of everything.

Finally, they set off again.

"This time Oeschler took the lead, with me following him and Graham who's supposed to be our guide following me!" Tom says. "I thought at the time that this was pretty odd. How did Oeschler, who supposedly had never been to Canada, let alone this area before, know his way, using side roads and making the correct turns toward our destination?"

Earlier, Oeschler had asked the Toronto group to check for anomalies on their compasses while they were driving, because the Guardian papers described magnetic changes in certain parts of the area the group was traveling in.

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"So, we're driving down a small hill when Oeschler braked suddenly up ahead of us, stopped and came back to our car to tell me that he had found an anomaly on his two compasses", Tom recounts, "now, he had both of his laying in the back of his pick-up on the metal floor where they were bouncing around. His son was keeping an eye on them from the cab.

I told him that the three compasses, we were holding in the palms of our hands, in our car didn't waver at all. But, he insisted that he'd go back up the hill, by himself, and check again."

While the rest of the group stood around waiting for Oeschler, Drew Williamson noticed a Stop-sign at the end of a long driveway leading to an abandoned farmhouse with a For-Sale sign on it.

Tom continues - "I looked through my binoculars at the Stop-sign and saw that it was propped up by rocks. There were other signs around it that read 'Do Not Enter' and 'DND Killing Fields'. The last one had pictographs of tanks, helicopters and weapons on it and appeared to be riddled with bullet-holes.

"So, out of curiosity, we went over to the signs and looked more closely."

"We found tracks left by cars and what might have been four-wheeled vehicles, leading into the property. We felt that perhaps the field around the old farm house was being used for 'War Games' - or maybe even was the location used for the Guardian video."

"Why? Because the terrain was perfect - lots (200 acres) of open field. I also noticed a dog barking up at the house at the top of the hill." said Tom.

This would become significant later in identifying the possible location of the Guardian video shoot.

"Eventually, we continued along Corkery Road. But, when I mentioned to Oeschler that we should be interviewing the people in the neighborhood we were passing, who were out sitting in their front gardens or working on their

lawns, he insisted that we look for the 'crash' or 'landing' sites."

Guardian's map described an area about one and a quarter miles square, which consisted of dense, knee-high scrub, and wet, swampland.

The group headed toward it, using a path beneath high-tension power transmission lines that cut across below the southern end of the Labenek's property.

Most of them had great difficulty with the rough conditions and became very tired, annoyed by biting mosquitoes and soaked by the swampy ground.

They gave about a half way into the swamp and headed back to the back to the parking lot.

Tom picks up the story again: "Bob and his son continued to look for the landing site as the rest of us left the swamp in a couple of different groups. Lise, Drew, Wayne and I left first and drove off looking for a drink of cold pop."

"When we got back to the parking lot twenty minutes later, the second group out had left a note on our windshield saying they'd meet us at a restaurant twenty minutes away in Carp. We left a note on the Oeschler's truck windshield telling them where we'd be.

"The first of our group to arrive at the restaurant ordered their food and twenty minutes later the rest of us arrived and placed our orders."

"Thirty minutes later, as Oeschler and his son were walking through the door, I jokingly said: I bet he'll say he found the spot!"

"As he sat down, I asked him what had happened. He smiled and said he'd found the spot."

"I asked how he'd managed to do that when we'd left him a about a mile from his car in a dense swamp halfway to the alleged site and it was getting dark. There simply hadn't been enough time to get there examine the 'site' and get back out to his truck and drive to the restaurant. He just smiled, but didn't answer."

After they finished their dinner, Drew, Victor and Vaughn decided to leave for Toronto.

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Graham suggested that the remainder should go talk to the Labeneks, and he and Harry left ahead of Tom & Lise and the Oeschlers, since Oeschler senior was still eating. The seven of them would meet at the corner by the Labeneks.

"Lise, Wayne and I confronted Oeschler out in the parking lot, where the three of us had gone to discuss the days events privately."

"I asked him what he was trying to pull here. He responded by asking 'what's wrong with trying to make a buck?', I answered that there was nothing wrong with making money as long as we didn't compromise our ethics."

"Oeschler came back with: 'No matter what or how good the story is, 50% of the people will believe you, 50% won't. All you have to care about is the 50% that will'."

"It was at that point", recalls Tom, "that I decided to back away from the investigation for a while to see what Oeschler would do."

They joined the others at Manions Corner by the Labeneks house - Graham had knocked on their door but there was no one home. So, they waited, enjoying a pleasant early summer evening, talking.

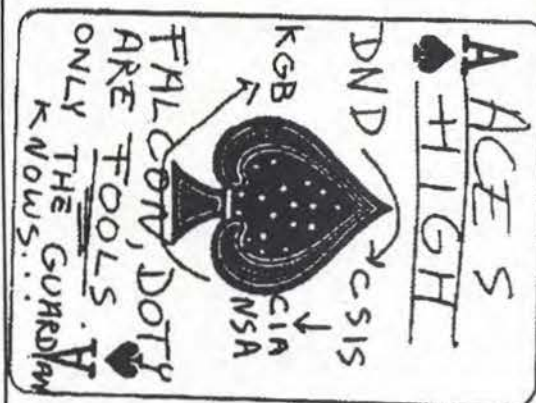
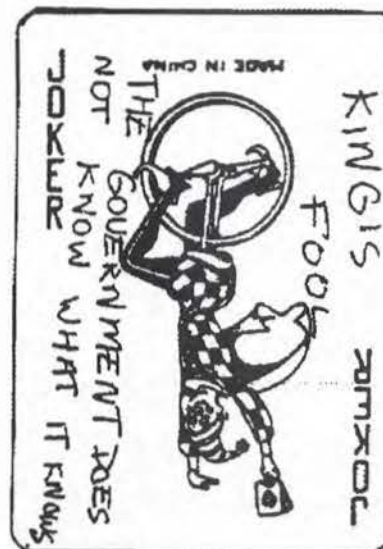
The Labeneks didn't get home till after 10 p.m., which the group felt was late to do an interview. Graham and Oeschler would come back in the morning and talk to them.

Tom finishes up this part of the story: "I told Graham about the conversation that I had in the parking lot of the restaurant with Oeschler, after he left the restaurant. Then Lise, Harry, Wayne and I left for Toronto, shaking our heads."

End of Part One.

Tom Theofanous was an investigator with CUFORN, in Toronto, from 1987 to 1992. He and his wife, Lise, have been with MUFON Ontario since then. Tom is now MUFON's Provincial Assistant Director for Ontario.

GUARDIAN DOCUMENTATION



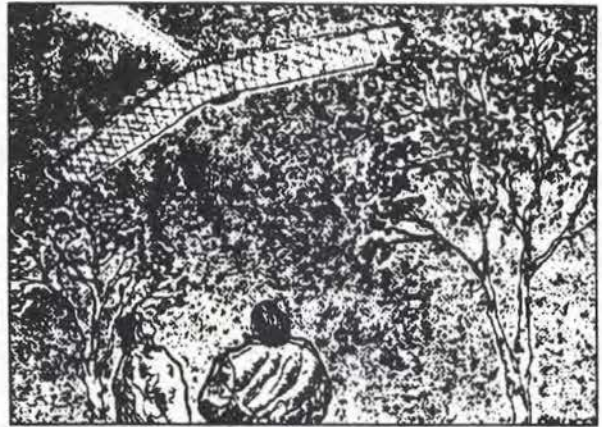
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BOOMERANG-SHAPED UFO

By Drew Williamson

In the past decade or so there have been an increasing number of boomerang, "V", and triangular-shaped UFO's seen around the world; the Belgian UFO, the Hudson Valley sightings in New York state and other less well known cases including one here in Ontario earlier in 1993. It is not commonly known that the objects that Kenneth Arnold witnessed back in 1947 were boomerang shaped. It was in the hands of the media that the objects became flying saucers when Mr. Arnold had told the reporter that they moved through the air "like a saucer skipping over water". When the story hit the paper the term "Flying Saucer" was born. So for those of you who are more familiar with the variation on the round theme, (sphere, disc, ovoid etc.) this may seem a bit of an oddity. Let it not be said that Canada was spared this version of UFO.

While both returning from the Donut shop on October 18, 1993, Diane Cryer drew the attention of Richard Cote to a moving light in the distant sky. Being far off at this point neither of them paid much attention to it. After reaching the house Mr. Cote, who is an amateur astronomer, took advantage of the clear night to look for meteors. Ms. Cryer who was still in attendance, pointed out that the light that they had observed moments earlier **had stopped moving and was shining a beam of white light towards the ground as if searching for something.** This led them to believe that it might have been a police helicopter at work. The beam of light would then go off and then the object would continue on its journey. When it stopped the "searchlight" returned. Moving in their direction it was becoming apparent that this was no helicopter as it could be seen that **there were twelve small orange lights around the bottom portion of the object.** When it passed overhead there was enough ambient light to see that it was dark gray in color. Mr. Cote estimated the speed at which the object moved to be about 15-20 mph at an altitude of 1000 ft. and to be half the size of an average house. At no time did either of the witnesses hear any sound coming from the object. The object traveled from West to East throughout the observation period.



Artwork by Charles Courville

At first they attempted to follow the object on foot but this soon became evident that would be impossible.

Returning to the house Mr. Cote telephoned the airport at 8:20 PM to see if they had it on their radar to which he was told that they did not but that a couple of other calls regarding the same object had come in. At 8:50 PM Mr. Cote decided to call NORAD in North Bay, Ontario to report his sighting. According to Mr. Cote the person who took his information seemed very interested in his report.

Mr. Cote has had other sightings in the past one of which took place around 1977 also in the London area. He is attempting to get any records of this event which apparently involved hundreds of witnesses, the police, airport and of course the media, released from the NRC files. We will keep you updated on any information regarding this event when it comes in.

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Strange Red Lights in Toronto*By Errol-B. Knapp*

On the night of July 20th 1991 around 12:15 am, four residents of the Hillsdale and Collins area in Toronto saw strange, intense, red laser-like lights illuminating lawns, driveways and garages.

Mufon Ontario was contacted and investigators Victor Lourenco and Tom & Lise Theofanous interviewed the witnesses.

A summary of their report follows.

Collins Avenue

Valerie and Bob were in their home on Collins Avenue. Valerie was in bed reading when she heard what she thought were the air-brakes of a large truck. "I ignored it at first", she said "and then I started to wonder why I was hearing sounds like that at 12:15 in the morning."

She got out of bed and went to the window and opened it.

"I looked towards Hillsdale, thinking I'd see a truck, but didn't."

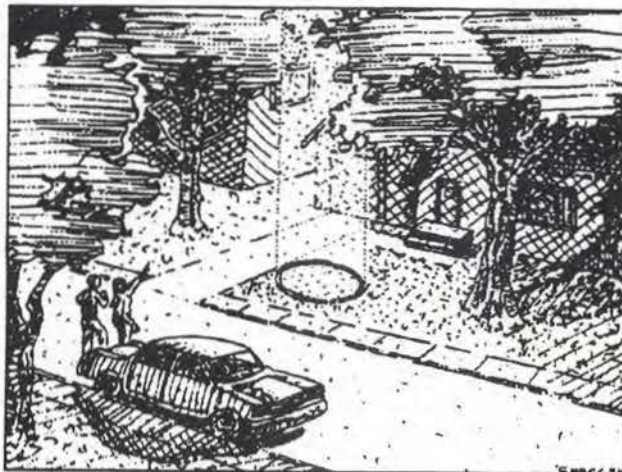
Then she noticed a circle of intense red dots shining down through the tree on the front of their property. "They were making a circle about ten feet in diameter on our front lawn. It gave the grass a strange green luminosity."

Valerie heard a sound coming from just above the tree. "I couldn't see up through the tree, and at first I thought it might be a helicopter. But I decided that the sound was too steady and dull to be a helicopter."

"Then, the lights and sound both suddenly stopped and I ran downstairs

to see Bob standing at the dining room window."

Bob heard the unusual sounds, saw the lights and then watched a group of people get into a car parked on the street in front of the house.



Artwork by Charles Courville

Valerie turned out the light and opened the front door and watched the car. "It drove away, very hesitantly", she said, "and all was then still."

Valerie and Bob said that four to five minutes had elapsed from the time they heard the air-brake like sounds till the car drove away.

Hillsdale Avenue

Margaret, who lives around the corner from Valerie, was also in bed reading.

"I heard a strange sound outside the house and saw my cat looking out of the window. I got up, looked out of the window and across the street was a strange, brightly defined red laser-like light covering the driveway and moving toward the garage. It went up over the garage and vanished."

The MUFON Ontario investigation team posted fliers in the neighborhood, asking for witnesses to anything unusual in the early morning of July 20th to call them.

As a result, John, who also lives on Hillsdale, reported that he too had heard the sounds and seen the red lights.

Police and Toronto's Pearson International Airport were contacted but were unable to provide any explanation for the strange sights and sounds.

REFLECTIONS ON ABDUCTION STUDIES

By David Gotlib, M.D.

As BAE was created to be a forum for discussion and debate, it seems fitting to lead into its fifth year with another invitation to participate. In this editorial I offer some observations about three particular issues in abduction studies of interest to me. I make no claim that I have the answers to the questions I ask, nor that I have any special insight into the nature of the abduction experience. Rather, I present the following thoughts in the spirit of understanding and inquiry, and with the hope that the discussion which follows will be both stimulating and illuminating.

1. CE-IVs and the Virgin Mary

Abductions are said by some to be unique experiences, unexplainable by current ways of thinking because of the consistency of stories, associated physical signs, reports of abductions by children, the absence of psychopathology in experiencers, and the association with UFOs.

These criteria support the argument that abductions are not explainable as artifacts of the mind, but they do not support the uniqueness of the abduction experience. All these characteristics are also true of reports of visions of the Virgin Mary (Grosso, Frontiers of the Soul, 1992):

1. Consistent stories: There is a consistent scenario associated with Marian apparitions: Annunciation, appearance, identification and message. Mary's message is consistent from vision to vision, and identical in theme to the ETs: "The world is on the verge of catastrophe; the Marian Goddess is here to warn us of this and to show the path of prevention. The only way to save the world is through spiritual renovation."

2. Physical signs: Marian apparitions are associated with healings, thermal effects (such as at Fatima where the countryside suddenly dried up after a torrential rainstorm), and materializations (of flowers, tears, or water).

3. Reports in children: Mary is seen by children as well as by adults (at Fatima, the three principal seers were children).

4. Absence of psychopathology: No psychopathology has been noted, at least in validated appearances.

5. Association with UFOs: Mary herself is frequently associated with unusual aerial phenomena: A flash or beam of light, an angel in the sky, or as a cloud, globe, or bird of light; Mary herself appears within a brilliant, supernatural light.

The parallel between abductions and visions of the Virgin Mary is not a new idea. Nor is the possible connection between abduction phenomenology and other anomalous experiences (e.g., NDEs, mystical experiences, shamanism and perhaps even channeling) a novel concept. Michael Grosso, Peter Rojewicz, Kenneth Ring and Jacques Vallee, among others, have all been eloquent proponents of the need to view abductions in a broader context. (See, for example, Cyberbiological Studies of the Imaginal Component in the UFO Contact Experience. Archaeus Volume 5, edited by Dennis Stillings for excellent papers by Grosso and Rojewicz). Yet the idea that these phenomena are all related is antithetical to the central thrust of abduction study today, which is to demonstrate that abductions are literally real events perpetrated by extraterrestrials in spacecraft, and that (depending on your convictions) the government knows this and has in its possession (fragments of) a spacecraft and alien corpses. It's hard to figure out how the Virgin Mary fits into this scenario.

A revision of our view of reality which accounts for the abduction experience must also account at least for Marian apparitions and probably a wide variety of other unusual experiences. Yet there is little interaction between the abduction field and those studying other anomalies. I am thinking here not only of researchers studying individual anomalies or types of spiritual/mystical experiences, but also of those in the field of transpersonal psychology, a field which attempts to study the broad range of such experiences. The culture of abductions discourages such collaboration, because it is devoted less to research into the true nature of abductions than to proving one particular hypothesis: That abductions are literally real.

And given the difficulty the field has in gaining respectability, it is not hard to see why abduction researchers would not be inclined to consort with religious visionaries, parapsychologists, mystics, and shamans (and vice versa).

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The five criteria noted at the beginning of this section really define a *category* of anomalous experiences, of which the abduction experience is just one member. I think abduction studies would greatly benefit from a greater emphasis on cross-cultural and multidisciplinary studies. To help stimulate this multidisciplinary discussion, I recently sent complimentary copies of BAE to the members of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, and several recipients have decided to subscribe. I look forward to their contributions to BAE. Readers are invited to suggest the names of other organizations whose members might be interested in reading and contributing to BAE.

II. Personal Validation

Personal validation, the tendency to accept a particular meaning or explanation as correct if it feels right to, or has an "inner resonance" with, the subject (the latter a phrase used in Richard Boylan's Close Extraterrestrial Encounters, p.172), is a key part of the abduction experience. Many abduction investigators rely heavily upon personal validation because of the paucity of objective data. The overwhelming majority of the data in abduction research consists of subjective experience, whether conscious memory or hypnotic recall. Physical evidence in an abduction case, where it occurs, is usually ambiguous, and at best only circumstantially corroborates the reported abduction experience. There is no directly examinable physical evidence (such as a fragment of spaceship, an alien body, an alien fetus or tissue from a missing pregnancy, a photograph of an ET), available for general examination by Ufologists, that incontrovertibly proves that abductions are literally real.

Belief in personal validation is being asserted more boldly as a self-evident truth as support groups and magazines for abductees surface. For instance, Richard Boylan, in his recent book Close Extraterrestrial Encounters (reviewed last issue), says: *"It is a characteristic of any substantive message, that the truthfulness of it can be discerned by the inner resonance of the particular message with what we already know to be true"*. [See Dr. Boylan's comments on this and other questions elsewhere in this issue].

A recent abductee support group notice states that "people know what they see, feel and experience."

But subjective reality does not always accurately reflect external reality. Central to many psychiatric syndromes and counselling problems is the fact that the patient's perception of external reality is not accurate. Treatment involves helping the patient to perceive this reality more accurately.

In the more conventional areas of my therapeutic practice, I do not find personal validation to be a reliable indicator of the correct diagnosis or treatment approach. One example is the use of antidepressants to treat endogenous depression or anxiety disorders such as panic attacks. Much of the time when patients agree to this treatment, they do *not* have an inner resonance that this is the right course of action. They agree to try it because of logical arguments and professional opinion(s) in favour of it, and/or because other treatment strategies have not been effective. When it works (sometimes with dramatic effect) they are quite surprised.

People with depressive and anxiety disorders try to make sense of their symptoms with the information available to them. In some cases of chronic depression, clients are so used to the way they feel that depression does not feel abnormal to them. They are unable either to internally validate the premise that they are depressed, or experience that inner sense of rightness about the diagnosis, since their brain, having been depressed for so long, has no experience of happiness or comfort to draw on, nor can it simulate or evoke such feelings. Furthermore, they will often cite reasons why they should feel they way they do (personal or business failures, past trauma, or characterological features — "It's just the way I am"). In these situations personal validation is completely wrong, and reliance on it can deprive the client of an effective (sometimes life-saving) treatment.

(Some of these patients seek medical help because they have read an article about Prozac, or have heard antidepressants discussed on a talk show, and have recognized themselves in the "before" profile. This scenario is similar to how some abductees present for investigation or counselling.)

For some abduction investigators, only one thing can negate the experiencer's sense of personal validation: the investigator's own personal validation, based on his or her interpretive model of the experience.

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When an experience that is recalled with an abductee's personal sense of rightness diverges from the researcher's model, the model tends to win out over personal validation. This is true for both the "repression" and the "victimization" camps in the abduction field: David Jacobs insists that if you feel positive about your abduction experience, you are repressing a traumatic memory which needs to be uncovered through hypnosis, while Richard Boylan argues that if you feel traumatized by your experience then you are victimized by human abuse, or by governmental psychological warfare, or have been influenced by the investigator.

These comments on personal validation say nothing about whether abductions are literally real, or whether personal validation in abduction cases really is reliable (it might be, but I think this has yet to be proven). Personal validation is not a scientific criterion, and therefore research, diagnostic or treatment methodology which rely heavily based on experiencers' personal validity is less likely to persuade mainstream science (and mental health professionals in particular) to accept the legitimacy of the abduction field than approaches which rely on more objective criteria.

III. Abductions and Social Action: A Research Idea

I have a number of research questions pertaining to the abduction experience, and I don't have the time or resources to pursue them all. Here is one such question.

Part of some CE-IV experiences is a conviction that the abductors are deeply concerned about the possibility of global or ecological catastrophe. As a result, many experiencers develop "the sense of a shared mission between humanity and other forms of intelligence to preserve and protect life on the planet" as Ken Ring noted in the Omega Project.

How effective is the CE-IV experience in actually changing experiencers' behaviors in this direction? To what extent are experiencers actively involved in promoting ecological and other social causes? Are they more or less active than the general population? Than individuals who have had religious visions (like seeing the Virgin Mary), "spiritual emergence" experiences or other kinds of religious or spiritual transformations? Than active members of organized religion? Than near-death experiencers?

I am not aware of any scientific research into this question. I am not even sure there is data as to what proportion of experiencers who discern such a message (or a message of any kind) in their experience (a) disbelieve the message, (b) neither believe nor disbelieve the message, and (c) substantially accept the message.

More research questions: Does the likelihood of an experiencer engaging in social action change if they participate in an investigation of their experience as compared to treatment for the abduction experience, as compared to neither? Does the likelihood of engaging in social action change with frequency of abduction experiences? Does it change with the passage of time since the abduction experience? With number of hypnosis sessions?

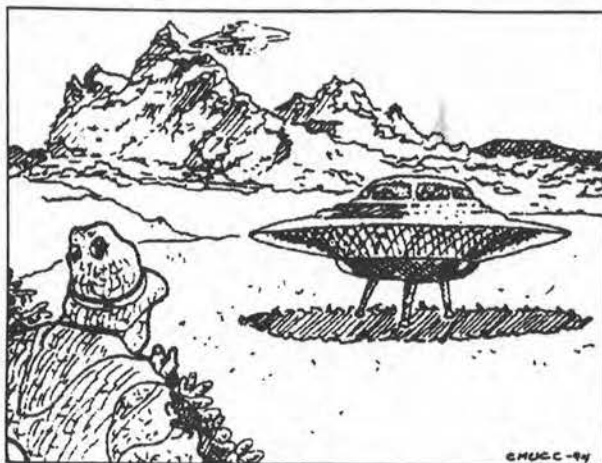
Readers are invited to share their thoughts about the above, as well as their own research questions, in these pages.

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THE VISITORS

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Lago Argentino is the name of the region that Wilfredo Arevalo chose for his ranch and his sheep herds, an area with very few inhabitants and of an impressive natural beauty at the foot of the majestic Patagonian Andes by the southern tip of South America.

It was the early evening when riding his horse back home he suddenly noticed two objects floating in the sky and immediately after one of them started to descend and finally landed not very far from him.

The metallic looking craft was giving off a greenish-blue vapor and an intense smell of burning benzene. There was a transparent dome on top of the circular body of the object and within it the witness was able to see that four pale faced tall beings were handling attentively various instruments.

Next instant, that strange crew looked at the rancher and he started to feel a numbness that was paralyzing him but left him conscious permitting therefore to see the ship becoming illuminated by a bluish light while the vapor increased and alternatively red and green flames shone at the bottom of the craft. Then, it started to ascend with a faint humming noise and accelerating, escorted by the other object, disappeared over the mountains.

That night of March 18, 1950 the wealthy rancher could not sleep very well as he was under the influence of the shocking event he had witnessed. He could not know at the time that similar encounters were bound to happen along the forty-four years that followed his marvelous experience in that cold southern region of Argentina.

Today we are very well aware of the presence of these mysterious vehicles and more mysterious occupants and we wonder what the future will reveal to us, what awesome events are awaiting their due time.

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Other samples collected by APPO (Portuguese UFO Research Association) investigators were sent to the Laboratory of Vegetal Pathology in Lisbon, and due to high dehydration and consequent cellular laceration which originated fungous penetration and saprophyte bacteria of the elements to be analyzed, was impossible a positive assessment of the submitted material.

Mr. Morais Pequeno, from the Portuguese Air Force Public Relations, declared that air defense radar did not record the object but a possible air violation could have had taken place by some not confirmed device, and pointed the radar invisibility of the F-117 airplane.

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MANTA-SHAPED UFO*By Victor Lourenco*

Note: The following article is based on an extensive investigation performed by APPO, one of the largest UFO groups in Portugal.

On the southern coast of Algarve, Portugal on October, 30, 1991 five people observed a large white light about 50 meters away and 20 meters above their farmhouse. The witnesses stated that the object seemed to hover for a moment, it then slowly proceeded upward and stopped.

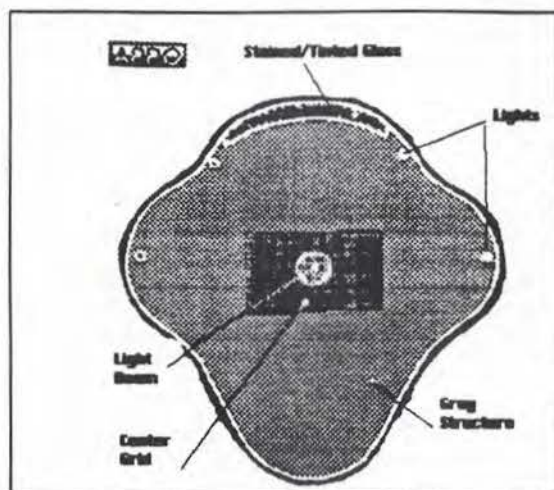
During the first stage of observation the witnesses reported that they observed colorful flashing lights, that the object was an oval shape, completely luminous emanating a white light and moving at a very slow speed.

In the second stage of observation the object then moved towards the farmhouse causing two of the witnesses (Victor and Christina) to flee into the house in fear. Victor and Cristina presented psycho-physiologic symptoms such as fear, vomiting, depression and insomnia that lasted to the next morning. Mr. Antonio Nobre, a neighbor, who also observed the white light, reported that his dogs were frightened by the object.

The object moved SW on a straight line and its calculated size was 18 meters long by 7 meters wide.

A graphic description provided by one of the witnesses compared the objects shape to be similar to a "Manta" fish, well defined edges, stained/tinted glass on the front, a sort of a tail, strategic green, yellow and blue lights placed on the edge of the structure, a red grid radiating a pink beam of light, having a metallic gray body and practically noiseless.

Mr. Antonio Cardoso, 51 and Mr. Manuel Pereira, 51, observed the same phenomenon 5 minutes earlier in Vila Real de Sto. Antonio city. They described the object to be flying from Ayamonte, Spain, toward the city where they were located.



It moved slowly, was cross shaped with round shaped edges, seemed to have a tail, flashing lights, noiseless, dark glass on the front, a bright red square in the center and dark anodized body color. The sighting lasted 3 or 4 minutes covering a range of 1.5 Km.

Mr. Joao Rodrigues, 66 and Mrs. Maria Rosa Estrela, 66, both farmers, also saw the same object from their location in Altura, Tavira, 15 minutes later. They added that the object flew about 100 meters above their town, and was visible for 1 to 2 minutes flying toward Tavira city.

Technicians from the Department of Agriculture located in Castro Marim called in to investigate a possible cause for the burned vegetation, found at Mrs. Maria de Fatima Carmo property where the object hovered, did not find any explanation within their field of expertise.

The weather station located at the Faro airport, when asked about a possible explanation for the burned vegetation replied that considering the temperature stability during the season would be very unlikely that a sudden variation of weather conditions could cause a partial field deterioration.

Vegetation samples collected by the Agriculture Dept. and sent to the National Laboratory for Industrial Engineering and Technology for radioactive measurements presented negative results.

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GUARDIAN DOCUMENTATION

The Alleged Crash/Retrieval of the 11/89 "Alien Starfighter"

Canadian and American Security Agencies are engaged in a conspiracy of silence, to withhold from the world the alien vessel seized in the swamps of Corkery Road, Carp, in 1989.

UFO sightings in the Ontario region had intensified in the 1980's, specifically, around nuclear power generating stations. On Nov. 4, 1989 at 20:00 hrs Canadian Defense Dept. radars picked up a globe shaped object traveling at phenomenal speed over Carp, Ontario. The UFO abruptly stopped, and dropped like a stone.

Canadian and American Security Agencies were immediately notified of the landing. Monitoring satellites traced the movements of the aliens to a triangular area. (see aerial map) off Almonte and Corkery Roads.

The ship had landed in deep swamp near Corkery Road. Two AH-64 Apaches and a UH-60 Blackhawk headed for the area the following night. The helicopters carried full weapon loads. They were part of a covert American unit that specialized in the recovery of alien craft.

Flying low over Ontario pine trees the Apache attack choppers soon spotted a glowing, blue, 20 meter in diameter sphere. As targeting lasers locked-on, both gunships unleashed their full weapon loads of 8 missiles each. All 16 were exploded in proximity bursts 10 meters downwind from the ship.

The missiles were carrying VEXXON, a deadly neuroactive gas which kills on contact. Exposed to air the gas breaks down quickly into inert components. Immediately after having completed their mission the gunships turned around, and headed back across the border.

Now the Blackhawk landed, as men exploded from its open doors. In seconds the six man strike team had entered the UFO through a 7 meters hatchless, oval portal. No resistance was encountered. At the controls, 3 dead crewman were found.

With the ship captured, the US Air Force, Pentagon, and Office of Naval Intelligence were notified. Through the night a special team of technicians had shut-down and disassembled the sphere. Early the next morning Nov. 6, 1989 construction equipment and trucks were brought into the swamp. The UFO parts were transported to a secret facility in Kanata, Ontario.

As a cover story the locals were informed that a road was being built through the swamp. No smoke screen was needed for the military activity as Canadian forces regularly train in the Carp region. Officially nothing unusual was reported in the area.

Although someone anonymously turned in a 35mm roll of film. It was received by the National Research Council of Canada, in Ottawa.

The film contained several clear shots of an entity holding a light. (see photo) At this time the photographer is still unidentified.

The humanoids were packed in ice and sent to an isolation chamber at the Univ. of Ottawa. CIA physiologists performed the autopsies.

The reptilian, fetus-headed beings, were listed as CLASS 1 NTE's.

(Non Terrestrial Entities) Like others recovered in previous operations, they were muscular, gray-white skinned, humanoids.

The ship was partially reassembled at the underground facility in Kanata. Unlike previous recoveries this one is pure military.

Built as a "Starfighter" it is heavily armed and armored. In design no rivets, bolts, or welds were used in fastening, yet when reconstructed there are no seams. The UFO itself is made up of a matrixed dielectric magnesium alloy. It is driven by pulsed electromagnetic fields generated by a cold fusion reactor. All offensive capabilities utilize independently targeting electronic beam weapons. In the cargo hold were found ordnance racks containing fifty Soviet nuclear warheads. Their purpose was revealed by advanced tactical/combat computers located in the flight deck.

Threatened by recent East-West relations, and the revolutionary movements within itself, Red China is preparing for the final ideological war. The aliens have agreed to defend China from the free world's combined military and nuclear forces.

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At this time China is arming the Middle East with their own nuclear arsenals, in order that they can successfully take on Israel.

Unifying the Arabs under one Chinese command was simple, especially with Israel's recent "iron fist" attitude toward occupied territories.

The Soviet warheads found in the UFO were destined for Syria. CIA operatives in the Middle East have noticed huge movements of Chinese "technicians" and "advisors". China is also supplying the Arabs with bacteriological agents, Migs, Hind gunships, tanks, and missile launchers.

The use of "Soviet" instead of "Chinese" nukes is part of a disinformation campaign to break up East-West relations after the annihilation of Israel. The Warheads were hijacked from Soviet subs in the Dragon's Triangle. A section of alien controlled Pacific once frequented by Russian subs. After losing some 900 high yield warheads and 13 vessels, commanders were ordered to steer clear of the area.

The most important alien-tech. find were the 2 millimeter, spheroid, brain implants. Surgical inserted through the nasal orifice the individual can be fully monitored and controlled. The CIA and Canadian Govt. have actively supported mind-slave experiments for years. Currently the Univ. of Ottawa is involved in ELF wave mind control programs. A continuation of the CIA psychological warfare project known as MKULTRA, started at the Allen Memorial Institute in Montreal.

Using ELF signals transmitted at the same wavelength the human brain uses, the researchers could subliminally control the test subject. The alien implants utilize the same principles except that the whole unit is subminiaturized and contained in the brain.

Fortunately the implants can be detected by magnetic resolution scanning technology. All individuals implanted by the aliens are classified as ZOMBIES.

The ZOMBIES have been programmed to help overthrow Mankind in the near future. When China finishes with Israel it will invade Europe. At the same time Chinese spacebased bacteriological weapons will be launched at the Arctic. The winds will carry the diseases into Russia and North

America. In days 100's of millions will be dead, survivors will have to deal with Chinese, aliens, and the ZOMBIES.

The aliens want all out war so that human resistance would be minimal, when they invade. They tried this same tactic once before with Nazi Germany. Most of the scientific advances we have today came from German science which was based on alien technology. Had Hitler won the war, the earth would have become a concentration camp. In order to depopulate the continents for the aliens.

Data aboard the sphere explained why the aliens are so comfortable on our world. They preceded man on the evolutionary scale by millions of years; created with the dinosaurs. Some 675 million years ago an interdimensional war destroyed most of their civilization, and forced them to leave the earth.

Now they have chosen to reclaim what was once theirs.

The alien forces with their Chinese and Arab allies will attack within the next 5 years. Waiting longer than that would make it impossible even for the aliens to reverse the ecological damage inflicted on the Earth by Man.

To be continued...

